

Natural ISPF

Release Notes

Manual Order Number: ISP241-008ALL

This document applies to Natural ISPF Version 2.4. and to all subsequent releases.

Specifications contained herein are subject to change and these changes will be reported in subsequent release notes or new editions.

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RELEASE NOTES

This document provides an overview of how Natural ISPF version 2.4.1 differs from the previous version. Natural ISPF version 2.4 is a product release that contains a number of problem solutions, and it also provides some minor enhancements to existing functions.

This document addresses the following topics:

- Purpose and Limitations of this Release
- Enhancements to Existing Functions
- Technical Documentation
- Installation Notes
- Natural Corrections

Important Note:

With the release of Natural ISPF 2.4.1, versions lower than 2.3.1 can no longer be supported. You are therefore urged to migrate to the current version at your earliest convenience.

With the release of Natural ISPF 2.4.2, support for version 2.3.1 will be stopped.

Purpose and Limitations of this Release

The main purposes of this release are:

- to achieve interoperability with Natural 3.1, and
- to supply the option to use Natural ISPF as the only interface to Natural (without using the Natural Main Menu).

Enhancements to Existing Functions

FIN Command

The FIN command has been introduced. Like in the Natural Main Menu, the command **FIN** terminates the Natural session. Any open editor session is closed immediately.

FIN corresponds to the command **LOGOFF IMM;FIN**.

Implicit Allocate

If a copy operation is done on a non-existing OS/390 dataset, you will be prompted for file allocation.

Cursor-Sensitivity

All Natural ISPF screens are cursor-sensitive. You can select any menu item by either:

- typing its name in the command line, or
- marking the item line, or
- placing the cursor in front of the line you want to select.

Technical Documentation

With the release of version 2.4.1, the following documentation is available:

Manual	Order Number
Installation and Administration	ISP241-010ALL
User’s Guide	ISP241-020ALL
Programmer’s Guide	ISP241-025ALL
Software AG Editor Reference Manual	EDT226-030ALL

Installation Notes

- Natural ISPF 2.4.1 requires Natural 2.2.8 or above.
- If Predict is installed, version 3.2.1 or above is required.
- If Natural VSAM is installed, version 2.3.1 or above is required.
- If Entire System Server is installed, version 2.1.1 or above is required.
- Entire System Server Interface 2.3.1 (ESX231) is available for the OS/390, VSE and BS2000/OSD operating systems. For CMS, the last version, ESX213, can be used. however, ESX 213 for CMS will not work with Natural 2.3.
- For proper execution of the Natural 2.3-specific menus, Natural 2.3. installation is required.
- The Natural 3.1 facilities will not work under a Natural nucleus below version 3.1.
- To get information on changed features and corrected errors, enter the command NEWS in Natural ISPF.
- Operating systems supported:
 - OS/390 Rel. 2.4 and above
 - VSE/ESA 1.4.4 and above
 - BS2000/OSD V2 and above
- You find the recommended zaps in members **...ZAP** in the source library of the supplied tape.

